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1. Degree and certificate programs.

Undergraduate degree and certificate programs. Thomas Edison State College offers six associate degrees and six baccalaureate degrees (including a joint degree program with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, (UMDNJ)). There are approximately 100 areas of study in the undergraduate degree programs.

The Associate Degree Programs are as follows: Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology, Associate in Science in Business Administration, Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Associate in Science in Public and Social Services.

The Baccalaureate Degree Programs include: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (a joint degree with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), Bachelor of Science in Human Services, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The College launched its RN to BSN/MSN program in FY 2007; this provides a seamless transition for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing degree who want to earn a Masters of Science in Nursing degree.

The College also awards certificates in the following professional areas: Accounting, Computer Aided Design, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Dental Assistant (with UMDNJ), Electronics, Finance, Fitness and Wellness Services, Human Resources Management, Imaging Sciences, Labor Studies, Marketing, Operations Management, and Public Administration.

Master's degree programs and certificates. The College currently offers five master's degree programs: the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (formally known as the Master of Arts in Professional Studies), the Master of Science in Human Resources Management, the Master of Science in Management, and the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Graduates of the MSN degree program earn a Nurse Educator certificate in addition to the MSN degree.

There are four professional focus areas within the Master of Science in Management Program: Public Sector Auditing or Public Service Leadership, Project Leadership, Human Resource Management, and Online Learning and Teaching. In the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, students may design their own professional focus area or select from one of the pre-designed focus areas.

There are also several graduate certificate program offered: Clinical Trials Management, Homeland Security, Human Resources Management, Online Learning and Teaching, Organizational Leadership, Public Service Leadership (open only to graduates of the Executive Potential Program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture's Graduate School), and Nurse Educator (post Master's certificate).

2. Other

The School of Professional and Continuing Studies. The School of Professional and Continuing Studies rolled out two noncredit online certificate programs in FY 2007: Gerontology: Senior Health and Fitness and the Professional Certificate in Paralegal Studies. Several other noncredit certificate programs are offered by the School through partnerships: Personal Fitness Training and Advanced Personal Fitness Training Programs, Fitness Management, Nutrition for Optimal Health, Wellness and Sports, Women's Exercise Training and Wellness, MBA Essentials, and Project Management-Intensive.

National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning. The National Institute on the Assessment of Experiential Learning is sponsored annually by Thomas Edison State College, in cooperation with the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning. The National Institute provides an intensive learning experience for professionals in education interested in Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), providing valuable ideas, techniques and guidelines.

Affiliation with New Jersey State Library. Legislation codifying in statute the affiliation of the New Jersey State Library with Thomas Edison State College was signed by the Governor in FY 2001. This affiliation and other collaborative projects have made a significant positive difference to the New Jersey State Library and the other libraries with which it is connected.